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SUBJECT: AFL- CIO MISSION TO VIETNAM

REFERENCE: LINDAHL LETTER TO GOOD DTD JUNE 6, 1973

1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE RESULT OF CONSULTATION WITH

AFL- CIO AND ARE SUPPLIED IN REPLY TO SUBJECT LETTER ON
SUGGESTED PUBLIC RELATIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR AFL- CIO DELE-
GATION WHICH SCHEDULED ARRIVE SAIGON JULY 1.

2. NATURE OF AFL- CIO MISSION AND STATURE OF MEMBERS WARRANT
VIP RED- CARPET TREATMENT WITHOUT EXTRAVAGANT FRILLS.

3. PRESS, PHOTO, TV COVERAGE OF INTERVIEW ON NATURE OF
MISSION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, AND SHOULD INCLUDE MR. BUU,
CVT PRESIDENT, AND OTHER PROMINENT CVT LABOR LEADERS WHOM
BUU OR AFL- CIO MAY REQUEST OR SUGGEST. IT IS NOT DESIRED
THAT ANY INTERVIEW FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION INCLUDE POLITI-
CAL FIGURES INCLUDING PRES. THIEU OR U. S. OFFICIALS.
FURTHER, ANY INTERVIEW, IF HELD, WOULD ADHERE STRICTLY TO
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DISCUSSION OF TRADE UNION SITUATION IN VIETNAM AND MUTUAL EFFORTS AND SUGGESTIONS OF AFL- CIO AND CVT TO STRENGTHEN FREE LABOR MOVEMENT. SUBJECTS IN INTERVIEW COULD RANGE OVER DOCK WORKERS, FARMERS' AND FISHERMEN' S COOPERATIVES, MAN-POWER DEVELOPMENT, SKILLS TRAINING, TRADE UNION ORGANIZING, ETC. BY ALL MEANS POSSIBLE, VISIT AND ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH IT MUST MAINTAIN NON- PARTISAN, NON- POLITICAL NATURE, AND AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF BEING SUPPORTIVE OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY WHETHER BUU' S OR THIEU' S.

4. THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO NORMAL NEWS- TYPE PRESS/ PHOTO COVERAGE OF PRESENCE OF AFL- CIO DELEGATION AT FUNCTIONS TO WHICH THEY MAY BE INVITED.

5. SUGGESTION ON USE OF PREPARED SCRIPT IN INTERVIEW, WHETHER ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTION OR OTHER, WAS BROUGHT TO AFL- CIO ATTENTION. THEY STRONGLY AGAINST USE PREPARED SCRIPT AND PREFER SPONTANEOUS, UNREHEARSED APPROACH.

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